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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE: CARE EFFORTS

1. EMBOFF VISITED CARE OFFICES MORNING FEBRUARY 10 TO
SEE HOW THEIR FOOD DISTRIBUTION EFFORT WAS GOING. CARE
OFFICIALS SAY THAT OF THE NINE MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD
THEY HAD AVAILABLE (MOSTLY TITLE II COMMODITIES) 1.5 TO
3 MILLION POUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT OUT. CARE
OPERATIONS BEING CONDUCTED OUT OF LARGE GUATEMALA CITY
WAREHOUSE AND 27 SMALLER WAREHOUSES IN COUNTRYSIDE.

2. CARE OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT THEY ARE FEEDING 230,000
PEOPLE DAILY, MOST OF THEM IN THE "TRIANGLE" WHICH
SUFFERED HEAVIEST DAMAGE. CARE'S MOST PRESSING NEED
IS TO AIRLIFT FOOD AND WATER TO SAN MARTIN JILOTEPEQUE,
CHIMALTENANGO (HOPEFULLY BY CHINOOK) FROM THEIR
GUATEMALA CITY WAREHOUSE. THE ROAD FROM CHIMALTENANGO
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TO SAN MARTIN IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED.

3. CARE IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH PRESIDENT'S BROTHER HANS AND PRESIDENT'S SONE KJELL JR. ACCORDING TO CARE DIRECTOR THERE HAS BEEN SOME DIFFICULTY WITH COORDINATION OF GAF RELIEF FLIGHTS, AND PRESIDENT LAUGERUD HAS BEEN TRYING TO IORN THESE OUT. CARE DIRECTOR EXPRESSED PARTICULAR ADMIRATION FOR EFFORT BEING MADE BY AEROCLUB IN FLYING FOOD OUT TO CHIMALTENANGO. NOT ONLY IS CLUB LANDING ON IMPROVISED RUNWAY, ON A STRETCH OF HIGHWAY NEAR CHIMALTENANGO TO DELIVER THE FOOD, BUT MEMBERS ARE PAYING FOR THEIR OWN GAS.

4. DURING EVENING FEBRUARY 9, CARE USING AID-FUNDED PUT WATER SYSTEM INTO OPERATION IN HARD-HIT QUICHE TOWN OF JOYABAJ. CARE HAS ALSO GIVEN SOME FOOD TO SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST GROUP FOR DISTRIBUTION.
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